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1. Indonesia

The army's anti-Communist drive rolls on.

The architects of the drive, Generals Suharto and Nasution, are now confident they have the virtually united support of the army, navy, marines, and police. The two generals believe they can eventually nudge Sukarno into supporting the drive; in any case, they feel that the longer the drive goes on, the harder it will be to reverse.

Rumors are being floated, doubtless by the army, that Foreign Minister Subandrio will presently be leaving the country. Similar rumors preceded the departure of air force General Dani.

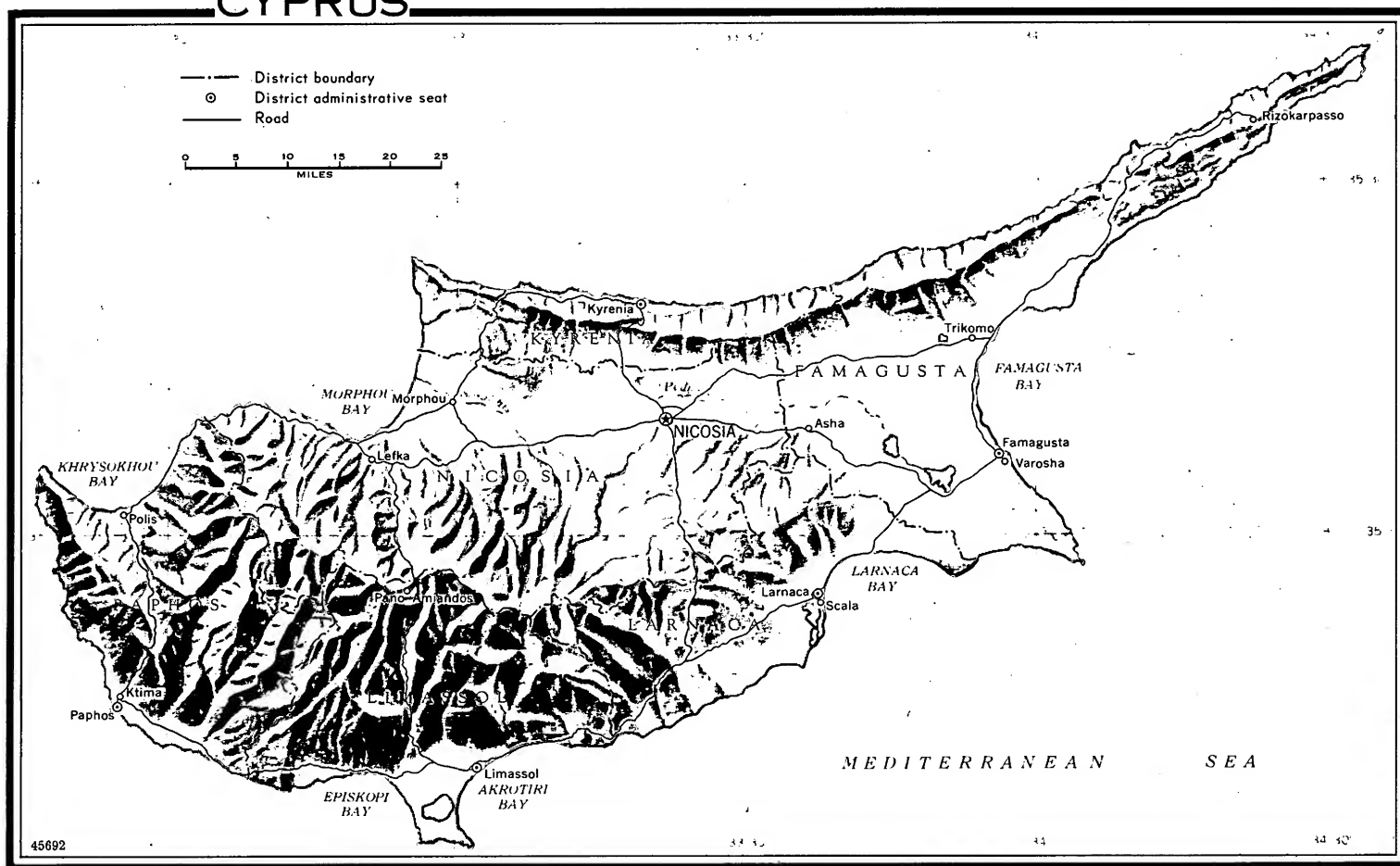
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The situation in central and eastern Java remains unsettled. The army has been tightening restrictions on travel and assembly in an effort to deal with the entrenched Communists. Reports of fighting in this area continue to come in.

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2. Cyprus

An uneasy quiet has settled over eastern Cyprus following clashes this morning between Turkish and Greek Cypriots near the port city of Famagusta.

This new round of clashes seems to have been provoked by military hotheads amongst the Greek Cypriots.

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further fighting is expected this evening.

As is usual in crises of this sort, Ankara has raised a threat of direct Turkish military counteraction. Turkish armed forces have been put on the alert, and there is talk of possible air raids. Ankara has relied on similar tactics to cool off the Greek Cypriots in the past.

3. Rhodesia

Prime Minister Smith has tossed the ball back to the British. Emerging from his third cabinet session in the past 36 hours, Smith reported that the Rhodesian cabinet had drafted a counter to the latest British proposals.

The contents of the Rhodesian response are not yet known, but the fact that they wish to keep the dialogue with London going argues against an imminent declaration of independence.

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4. Burundi

The military has managed to keep the lid on since the King's sudden departure on Tuesday. Our embassy in Bujumbura says that, unless there is a sudden Chinese Communist intrusion, the situation should stabilize and the need for an emergency evacuation of Americans recede. The King still plans to fly to Brussels, where another attempt to persuade him to return to Burundi will be made.

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5. Brazil

The slow erosion in President Castello Branco's political position continues.

Growing numbers of military officers, who earlier were strong supporters of the president, are voicing dissatisfaction with his reluctance to use his near dictatorial powers more extensively. There is a danger that some of them may eventually turn to a more forceful figure such as War Minister Costa e Silva.

In addition, at least two important state governors, perhaps glimpsing signs of infirmity in the president's military backing, have declined to get behind Castello Branco's effort to broaden his political base.

6. Dominican Republic

Rumblings on the right continue to be heard. A group in Santiago, lead by ex-President Bonnelly and Imbert, are said to be plotting a takeover next week. Groups such as this have the ability to pull off an occasional political assassination, but it is unlikely that they can cause real trouble unless they can attract meaningful support from the military.

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